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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE COSTA
RICAN LAWYER

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1. U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE A COSTA RICAN ATTORNEY TO
ADVISE THAT OFFICE ON COSTA RICAN CORPORATE AND TAX LAW
AND REGULATIONS. THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS
SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING THE LEGALITY
UNDER COSTA RICAN LAW OF THE RECENT REGISTRATION AND
INCORPORATION OF INTER-AMERICAN CAPITAL IN COSTA RICA.
THIS INQUIRY BEARS DIRECT RELATION TO THE CURRENT GRAND
JURY INVESTIGATION IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK;
NO ACTION IS BEING CONSIDERED IN COSTA RICAN COURTS.

2. THE ATTORNEY SELECTED MUST BE TOTALLY TRUSTWORTHY
SINCE HE WILL BE ASKED TO DEAL WITH SENSITIVE QUESTIONS
INVOLVING THE ACTIONS OF COSTA RICAN PUBLIC OFFICIALS.
IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF HE SPOKE ENGLISH.

3. THIS REQUEST DOES NOT BEAR ON EXTRADITION MATTERS.
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HOWEVER, IF THE ATTORNEY SELECTED ALSO HAS EXPERTISE IN
THIS AREA OF LAW THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE ALL TO THE BETTER.
DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER EMBASSY'S REQUEST REPEATED IN

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